



ROTARY DISTRICT 9690 RECOGNITION OF YOUTH AWARDS 2011

The objectives of Rotary **Recognition of Youth Awards** are threefold:

- Firstly:*** to recognise in each local community the effort and involvement of the nominated candidate in areas beyond normal school and family life.
- Secondly:*** to provide for the nominated candidate valuable experience in a panel interview situation.
- Thirdly:*** to make known to the public at large, as far as possible, the depth and extent of activities in the community in which our youth are involved.

*For the past 31 years, the **Rotary Clubs of Rotary District 9690**, embracing much of Sydney's Western Suburbs and the Blue Mountains, have conducted a program to recognise young adults' achievements in their local areas.*

Awards are made annually in two categories:

Junior - Years 9 and 10,

Senior - under 20 years of age.

The awards will be presented to the persons who demonstrate a conscientious participation within the community, their school or TAFE College and their general involvement in sports, hobbies, youth or interest groups.

The winner will not necessarily be the cleverest, the fastest or the most proficient in each or all of the award categories. They will be a person who is involved, concerned and aware of their responsibilities and opportunities. The personal qualities of the winner will show that they are prepared to work and support these social ideals which are in the best interests of our local community.



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WHAT IS ROYA?

While there are winners (which are necessary for the purpose of the competition), the main thrust of the program is to recognise and encourage the nominated candidates - **in this sense every candidate is a "winner"**.

The young people nominated in this exercise are the **community leaders of tomorrow**. It is hoped that the recognition they receive will encourage them to continue to serve their community knowing that they are appreciated.

Rotary and other clubs and organisations are encouraged to invite these young people to speak at Club Meetings on youth issues and to participate in forums, action groups, etc. The nominees will benefit from this activity by gaining further experience in public speaking while the clubs can benefit from the first hand information offered to them.

JUDGING

Each nominee will be interviewed by an experienced panel of judges.

It is essential that nominees be available for interviews on Saturday 13 August, 2011 between 8.30am and 4.00pm at Blacktown Workers Club 55 Campbell St Blacktown.

Judges evaluation will be based on an individual evaluation of each applicant's talents as indicated by their entry form and as discussed at their interview.

PRIZES

The winners of each category receive trophies, prizes and supporting certificates attesting to their success in the competition. Other prizes may also be awarded.

Every entrant will receive a certificate of recognition.

PRESENTATION

The winners will be announced and awards presented during a special event at Blacktown Workers Club, 55 Campbell St, Blacktown on Thursday 1st September 2011.

Dress Code

If representing a school the code or requirements of the school are to be adhered to otherwise smart casual attire is acceptable.

HOW TO ENTER

Any junior boy or girl, who is in Years 9 or 10 and any senior boy or girl under 20 years of age, can be nominated and sponsored by a club, church group, Scouts, Guides, school, TAFE, business house or service club.

Each nomination will require an entry form completed by the entrant together with the \$60 entry fee. The fee may be paid by the nominee or the sponsoring organisation and forwarded to the address below.

CLOSING DATE

Entries on the attached form close on Friday 29 July 2011 and should be forwarded to:

The Secretary
ROTARY- RECOGNITION OF YOUTH
AWARDS
P O Box 94, Merrylands NSW 2160

Additional entry forms are available from your local Rotary Club or any of the people listed below.

Shann O'Connell (Chairman)
Julia Reid(Secretary)



ROTARY
RECOGNITION OF YOUTH AWARDS
 Rotary District 9690
2011 ENTRY FORM

ATTACH
 PASSPORT
 SIZE PHOTO
 OF ENTRANT
 HERE

(Must be completed by Entrant)

ENTRANT'S NAME _____

SCHOOL YEAR _____

ADDRESS _____

AGE AT 31/12/2011 _____

(If under 18 years of age, Parent or Guardian consent for entry is required.)

SPONSORING ORGANISATION _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

SPORT INVOLVEMENT & HOBBIES

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

YOUTH GROUP PARTICIPATION

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Please list what you consider could be done to improve the community facilities for teenagers in your area and why. (List of brief headings only – details on attached sheet.)

ON AN ATTACHED SHEET EXPLAIN IN 300 WORDS OR LESS HOW BY APPLYING THE ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST IN THEIR COMMUNITIES PEOPLE CAN IMPROVE THE WAY OF LIFE FOR THOSE AROUND THEM. ("The four way test" is the basic philosophy of Rotary and is quoted on the back page of this application form.)

REFERENCES:
 Two references are required with at least one of them being from outside the Entrant's school. References should be dated either 2010 or 2011.

PASSPORT TYPE PHOTOGRAPH:
 A recent passport-sized photograph is to be supplied with the application and attached in the above indicated area.

COMPLETE AND FORWARD TO: YOUTH DIRECTOR, THE ROTARY CLUB OF (The club nearest your place of residence) or post directly to The Secretary, Rotary- Recognition of Youth Awards, P O Box 94, Merrylands NSW 2160

- We accept that the following rules apply to all entrants in the Rotary Recognition of Youth Awards.
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
 - All entrants must be between the ages of 14 and 19 as at 31st December 2011.
 - To be valid, each entry form must be accompanied by a cheque or money order for \$60.00 payable to Rotary District 9690 Recognition of Youth Awards. (Please use this exact wording.)
 - Entries close 29th July 2011.
 - Presentation night – Thursday 1st September 2011

 Signed, Nominee

 Signed, Sponsoring Organisation

 Signed, Parent or Guardian
 (If Nominee is under 18 years of age)

OTHER ROTARY YOUTH ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

INTERACT CLUBS

Sponsored and guided by Rotary Clubs in Year 9 to Year 12 at Secondary Schools in their territorial area.

ROTARACT CLUBS

Sponsored by Rotary Clubs to operate in the same geographical area - age group 18-29 years - lots of fun and great activities.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

Young people (18-25) involved in community youth groups are sponsored by their local Rotary Club to a week-long live-in seminar at Springwood to learn leadership techniques and exchange ideas on youth activities. Held in January each year.

PACIFIC-AUSTRALIA CULTURAL EXCHANGE (PACE)

This program provides for the exchange, for one month during January, of students aged 15-17 years. Participating with Australia are Pacific nations such as Fiji, Western Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands etc. Nominations called in August.

ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT (RYPEN)

RYPEN is aimed at that large group of 14-17 year old boys and girls who are not likely to be selected for Youth Exchange (or later for RYLA) but deserve further development. The principal aim is to communicate to young people a series of ideas, problems and social experiences which will assist them in forming their own values and standards and to broaden their horizons culturally, socially and academically.

RYPEN is an acronym which is deliberately evocative of growth, development and ripening. The quality of our future depends on the quality of our youth, they deserve the nurturing of Rotary.

It is based on a residential seminar conducted over a long weekend (Friday 12.00pm – Sunday 2.00pm) in May and August each year.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM (YEP)

An exchange of students between Australia and other countries throughout the world. Students live with host families and attend school for one year. Ages 16-18 but students must not be older than 18 during the year of exchange.

Applications called during first term of each school year for exchange in the following year.

The Rotary 4-Way Test of the things we say and do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

*For further information on the above
contact your local Rotary Club.*

